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Thomas RUNKLER et al

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING DECISION TREES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 28, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 9, 18, and 28 by way of replacement. All pending claims are set forth as follows, and a marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed in the Appendix.

1. (Once Amended) A method for refining a node of a decision tree associated with a plurality of data characterized by a plurality of features, comprising:
 selecting a feature from among the features characterizing the data associated with the node;



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

FEE CALCULATION	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREV. PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	34	MINUS	34	0	\$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	6	0	\$84	\$ 0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>August 28, 2002</u> to and through <u>January 28, 2003</u> , for an extension of:						\$ 410.00
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (\$110) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (\$410) <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (\$930) <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (\$1450)						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE:						\$ 410.00

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- No additional fee is required.
- Payment of \$ 410.00 by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account _____, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 28, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on January 28, 2003.

Karlyn J. Geiger, Date: 1/28/03

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